

Arizona Department of Education Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal

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SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND RIBBON CUTTING AT NEW FLAGSTAFF OFFICE

Phoenix, AZ, March 19, 2014 – The education community in Northern Arizona now has a new resource for professional development, training and support. With the opening of the Arizona of Education's (ADE) new office space located in Flagstaff, AZ on March 20, 2014, teachers, administrators and other educators will be able to more easily access services provided by the state agency.

The ADE Flagstaff office moved into a new office space to provide better services and to expand the ADE's operations in northern and central Arizona. This new site provides additional office space and a large classroom for professional development, which allows ADE to move personnel from Phoenix to the Flagstaff office to better serve local education agencies in the northern part of the state.

One of the major benefits of the new space is the training facility. Prior to moving, ADE did not have a space for training purposes in the northern part of the state. Schools were forced to either travel to Phoenix or ADE had to rent a space. With this new space, ADE is able to offer training and professional development for the local education agencies in the northern and central part of the state, lessening the need for those districts and charter schools to travel to Phoenix to attend training.

Program support specialists based out of the Flagstaff office serve Mohave, Coconino, Navajo, Apache, and Yavapai counties; this is a geographic area of 61,208 square miles.

"I am very excited about the opportunities this new building provides to meet the needs of local educators Northern Arizona," said Superintendent Huppenthal.

For more information about Superintendent Huppenthal or ADE initiatives, visit www.azed.gov

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY - RIBBON CUTTING EVENT

When: Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

Where: 3100 N. West Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Who: Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal, community leaders and

Flagstaff-based ADE staff

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